

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendment above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 12-14 and 19-24 have been canceled in this paper. Claims 8 and 15-18 have been amended in this paper. No claims have been added in this paper. Therefore, claims 8-11, 15-18 and 25-30 are pending. Of these claims, claims 25-30 have been withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Therefore, claims 8-11 and 15-18 are under active consideration.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 19, 2008, the Patent Office states that “[t]he amendment to claim 8 is not proper. Amended claim 8 incorrectly shows the phrase ‘wherein one primer pair’ as being an amendment by underlining, when this phrase was recited in claim 8 as previously filed on October 8, 2004.”

In response to the above, Applicant is resubmitting as part of this paper a corrected “Amendments to the Claims,” in which, amongst other things, the language in question of claim 8 is no longer underlined.


It is Applicant’s understanding that a corrected “Amendments to the Claims” section is all that is required to respond to the outstanding Notice. If Applicant’s understanding is incorrect, Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for already, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 19, 2008.


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